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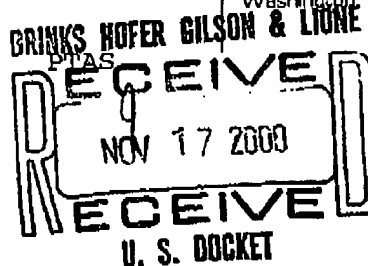
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DOC DATE: 09/05/2000

ASSIGNOR:
PHILLIPS, PATRICK J.

DOC DATE: 09/05/2000

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1. Name of Party(ies) conveying an interest:

Ismayil M. Guracar
Patrick J. Phillips

9-6-00

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Name: Acuson Corporation
Internal Address: Mail Stop E-1
Street Address: 1220 Charleston Road
City: Mountain View
State/Zip: CA/94043

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional name(s) and addresses attached?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Assignment

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Craig A. Summerfield
Name of Person Signing

Signature

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Date

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Case No. 5050-773**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, Ismayil M. Guracar and Patrick J. Phillips, hereinafter called the "Assignors", have made the invention described in the United States patent application entitled CONTRAST IMAGING BEAM SEQUENCES FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND, executed by Assignors on the same date as this Assignment;

WHEREAS, Acuson Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 1220 Charleston Road, Mountain View, CA 94043, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and all patents which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

The Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors' legal representatives, that the Assignors will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the patent application identified above; in the making and prosecution of any other patent applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention identified above; in vesting in the Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other patent applications and patents; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or

any such patent application or patent; and that the Assignors will execute and deliver to the Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.

DATED:

Sept 5, 2000

Ismayil M. Guracar
Ismayil M. Guracar

DATED:

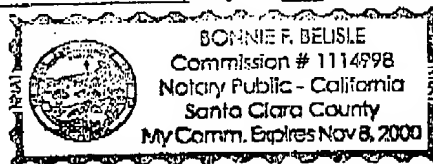
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Patrick J. Phillips

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I, BONNIE F. BELISLE, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Ismayil M. Guracar, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this
5TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2000.



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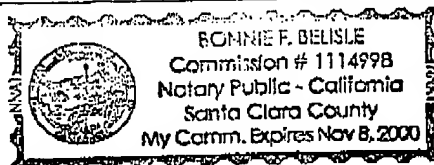
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I, BONNIE F. BELISLE, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Patrick J. Phillips, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 5050-773
Serial No. 09/657,635	Filing Date September 6, 2000	Examiner unassigned	Group Art Unit unassigned
Inventor(s) Ismayil M. Guracar et al.			
Title of Invention CONTRAST IMAGING BEAM SEQUENCES FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND			

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Transmitted herewith is Transmittal (in duplicate); Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449; References cited; Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
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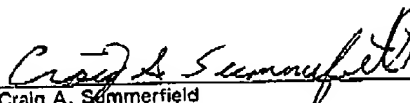
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Respectfully submitted,


 Craig A. Summerfield
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PATENT
Our Case No. 5050/773

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ismayil M. Guracar et al.

Serial No. Divisional of 09/657,635

Filing Date: September 6, 2000

For CONTRAST IMAGING BEAM
SEQUENCES FOR MEDICAL
DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND

Examiner: (unassigned)

Group Art Unit No. (unassigned)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have enclosed a form PTO-1449 and copies of the cited references.

Applicants request that the references listed in the form PTO-1449 be reviewed and made of record.

Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following pending United States Patent applications:

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Divisional of 09/657,635

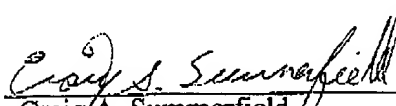
U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/514,803
(Attorney Docket No. 5050/712), filed February 29, 2000

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/348,246
(Attorney Docket No. 5050/667), filed July 2, 1999

Applicants believe that these applications either alone or in combination with the references cited in the PTO-1449 neither disclose nor suggest Applicants' claimed invention. Applicants, however, respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these applications and place an indication in the file that they have been reviewed (MPEP § 609 D). Applicants additionally request that citation to these patent applications not be printed on the patent (MPEP § 609 D). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of these applications are not included. If the Examiner would like Applicants to provide copies, please call the undersigned at (312) 321-4726. Copies of the other references are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 7, 2000



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	5,632,277	05/27/97	Champman et al.		
	A2	5,675,554	10/07/97	Cole et al.		
	A3	5,951,478	09/14/99	Hwang et al.		
	A4	6,095,980	08/01/00	Burns et al.		
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	A14	Johan Kirkhorn et al., Improved Ultrasound Contrast Detection Combining Harmonic Power Doppler with a Release-Burst; 1999 IEEE Ultrasonics Symposium; pp. 1697-1700;
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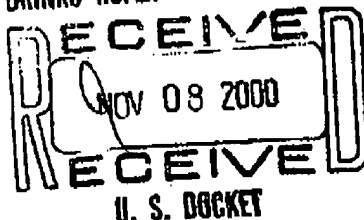
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Applicant(s)

Ismayil M. Guracar, Redwood City, CA ;
Patrick J. Phillips, Sunnyvale, CA ;

Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

Foreign Applications

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Title

Contrast imaging beam sequences for medical diagnostic ultrasound

Preliminary Class

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 November 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants are claiming a sequence. The Examiner is interpreting this as the claiming of a format, neither structure nor the method of implementing the format, nor a software-resident on computer-readable medium for effecting a format, but rather the abstraction of a format in and of itself.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 11 - 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Clark (US5980458) in view of Poland (US6080107).

The former is directed to interleaved collateral transmissions as per col. 2 line 3 - col. 4 line 5 and/or as supplemented col. 4 line 9 - col. 6 line 8. It would have been obvious in view of the

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latter to use the system of the Clark face figure in association with contrast agent imaging (Fig. 1 and col. 11 lines 36-43 and col. 11 lines 55-58 of Poland considered against Clark face figure and aforementioned interleaving teachings.

5. Claims 11-33 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Hwang (~~US6193662~~) and Averkiou et al (~~US6186950~~). The former is directed to high frame rate contrast agent imaging wherein the distinction between the terms 'interleaved' and 'collateral pulses' in relation to scanlines is blurred because both the echo scanlines and intermediates composited from re-sampling and/or interpolation are also referred to as scanlines such that pulses may all serve a collateral function in compositing intermediate scanlines. Additionally, Averkiou et al col. 6 line 52 - col. 7 line - 32 is apparently further suggesting that for purposes of perfusion or low velocity flow measurement, high frame rate techniques may be combined with time interleaving and/or additional three-pulse phase inversion processing to diminish motion artifact.

6. Claims 34-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Averkiou et al (~~US6186950~~) or Hwang et al (~~US6228031~~) insofar as the former teaches a method including identifying first signals associated with artifact (col. 3 lines 1-48) with the Examiner arguing that it

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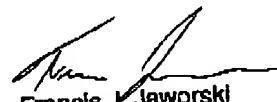
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would be inherently obvious for the practitioner to observe same and declare that a motion artifact condition is present, and therefore switching to a mode in which phase inversion is extended to further pulses which replace the simple phase inversion imaging and are a function of these further pulses responsive to the contrast agent, and the latter teaches that upon identification of 'picket fence' artifact due to motion (col. 4 lines 41-44) a filtering substitution can be implemented per col. 4 line 45 - col. 5 line 47..

7. The following art is cited as of interest.. Krishnan et al (US6340348) is cited for its col. 1-2 discussion of LOC imaging. Chiao et al (US6210332) is cited for its col. 9 line 5 - col. 10 line 56 low-flow scanning formats.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Francis J. Jaworski at telephone number (703) 308-3061.


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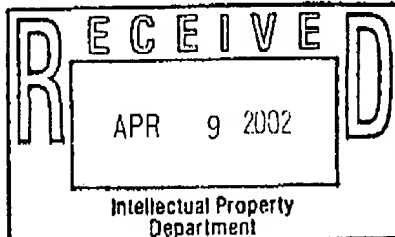


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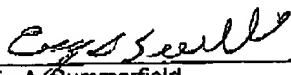
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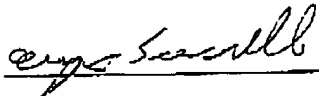
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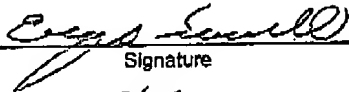
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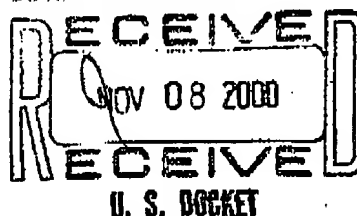
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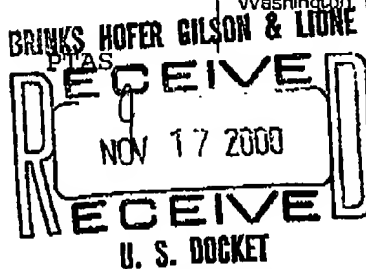
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Sept 5, 2000

Ismayil M. Guracar
Ismayil M. Guracar

DATED:

Sept 5, 2000

Patrick J. Phillips
Patrick J. Phillips

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA)

I, BONNIE F. BELISLE, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Ismayil M. Guracar, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 5TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2000.



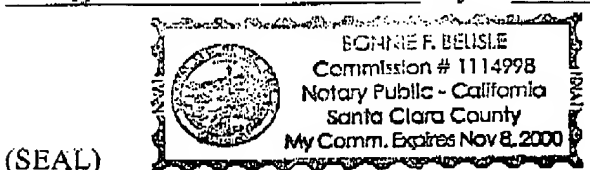
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Inventor(s) Ismayil M. Guracar et al.			
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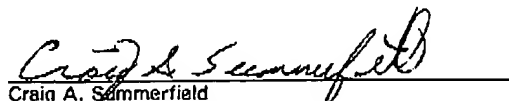
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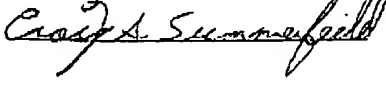
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Respectfully submitted,


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Applicants have enclosed a form PTO-1449 and copies of the cited references.

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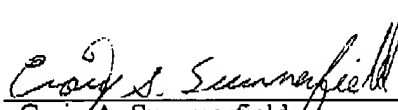
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U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/348,246
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Applicants believe that these applications either alone or in combination with the references cited in the PTO-1449 neither disclose nor suggest Applicants' claimed invention. Applicants, however, respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these applications and place an indication in the file that they have been reviewed (MPEP § 609 D). Applicants additionally request that citation to these patent applications not be printed on the patent (MPEP § 609 D). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of these applications are not included. If the Examiner would like Applicants to provide copies, please call the undersigned at (312) 321-4726. Copies of the other references are enclosed.

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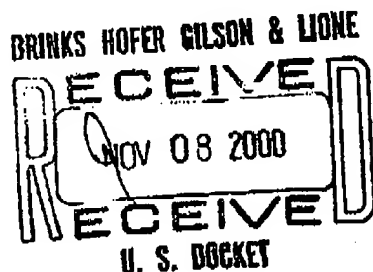


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